

Indiana Dunes State Park

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Chesterton, Indiana 46304

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Park Manager: Brandt Baughman

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February Nature Center Hours:

9:30 am - 4:30 pm CST Tuesday-Sunday

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Nature Center Staff:

Brad Bumgardner

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Need a Park Map?

All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, bring a parent.

Saturday, February 1

10am Bird Banding Demonstrations.

Explore the science of bird banding this morning at the Nature Center. We'll throw up the banding nets and look at everything we learn by investigating these birds up close and in the hand. BB

2pm Naturally Indiana- A Indoor Tour! Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for this new 45-minute documentary that captures the heart of Indiana's wild places, from Indiana Dunes to Clifty Falls. It was produced by PBS in 2011.

Sunday, February 2

10am Snowshoe Shuffle! Meet the park interpreter in the Nature Center for a little introduction to this unique mode of winter transportation. Then we'll jump on a pair and take a short walk through the winter woods. Its great fun and exercise! If there isn't enough snow, we'll still offer a short hike. Join us! BB

2pm 100 Years of Indiana State Parks. Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for this 50-minute documentary that captures 100 years of the Indiana State Parks. It was produced in 2009 by PBS and shows great scenes from your favorite parks. Come on out!

Saturday, February 8

2pm Nature Valentine's Craft and Story Hour!

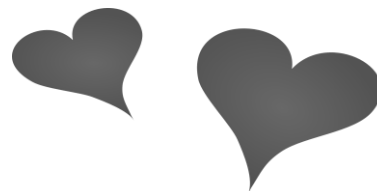
Join volunteer Magda for a special hour of storytelling and a chance to make a special Valentine's Day nature craft for mom or dad. We'll meet in the Nature Center. Perfect for kids of any age!

2pm Shelf Ice Exploration. Meet the naturalist at the beach pavilion for a look at the formation of shelf ice and winter on the beach. We'll end with a high vantage over the ice from atop the beach pavilion. BB

Sunday, February 9

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get great close up views of chickadees, cardinals, and woodpeckers! Great fun for the kids. BB

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Saturday, February 15

11am Clay Sculpting Workshop: Owls!

Register for this special workshop where participants will learn the art of stoneware clay sculpting at the Nature Center. Create your own owl sculpture that we'll fire in the kiln for pickup later. This professional workshop is taught by well-known dunes area sculptor Rita Jackson. Registration is required by calling the Nature Center at 219-926-1390. Program fee is \$10 per person and covers all supplies, instruction, and park entrance fees. Great for adults and kids!

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Sunday, February 16

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Saturday, February 22

10am Snowshoe Shuffle! Meet the park interpreter in the Nature Center for a little introduction to this unique mode of winter transportation. Then we'll jump on a pair and take a short walk through the winter woods. It's great fun and exercise! If there isn't enough snow, we'll still offer a short hike. Join us! CF

2pm Winter Alive! Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for a fun look at how the Dunes State Park animals are surviving the winter. We'll have some live animals on hand as well! Come on out and join us! CF

Sunday, February 23

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get great close up views of chickadees, cardinals, and woodpeckers! Great fun for the kids. CF

2pm Winter Critter Hour. Join us in the warm Nature Center Auditorium for a look at some of the Nature Center live animals and how their cousins are surviving the winter outside. Great family time! BB

Join the Dunes Marsh Madness Tour!



Enjoy three days, two nights visiting one of Indiana's premiere State Park. See birds of prey up close, watch the spring gathering of hundreds cranes, waterfowl, and more!

Total Cost: \$339.00/person double occupancy.
\$399.00/person single occupancy.

For More information contact the Nature Center at 219-926-1390

Reservations can be made by calling **1.877.LODGES1** or by visiting on the web at **www.IndianalInns.com** and clicking on Canyon Inn. Use Group Code: **0228DT**

